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STRUCTURE OF 'ISLAMIC JIHAD' ELABORATED, LEADERS NAMED

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Speculation in the western press that the Islamic Jihad terrorist movement has no existence as a distinct group is wrong. The bombings last year of the American embassy and the marine headquarters in Beirut and of western embassies and oil installations in Kuwait, and last Thursday's suicide attack on the new American embassy annexe in Beirut, are part of a pattern. Our sources say that Islamic Jihad is planning more operations. It is a well-organised alliance of militant groups sponsored by Iran, Libya and Syria. It may spread to western Europe and the United States.

Islamic Jihad is hydra-headed but western anti-terrorist investigators have learned about its workings. They can name names and locations linked to Islamic Jihad's operations.

Islamic Jihad is made up of at least 25 terrorist bodies of Middle Eastern origin. It is governed by a secret council with four regional and several local commands. It has one annual budget. The money comes from Iran, Libya and Syria.

The council calls itself the Supreme Co-ordinating Council between the Iranian Islamic Revolution and Islamic Revolutionary Organisations in the World. It is ruled from Iran by two ayatollahs, (Hossein Ali Mofazzari) and Mousavi Khomeini. Among council members are: the Iranian minister for the revolutionary guards, (Mohsein Rafiqi-Doust); Ayatollah Khomeini's defence adviser, (Muhammad Mir-Solimi); Zabih Zankani who is believed to represent Libya's secret police in Teheran; (Mortada Chamran), liaison officer with the Lebanese Amal (Shia) militia; Lebanon's militant Shia leader (Hussein Moussavi) of Baalbek; and (Ahmad Nabaullah) chief of underground Iranian cells in Saudi Arabia.

Under the council come four regional commands in the Middle East, Iraq, the

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United States, and western Europe. The Middle East command meets regularly at the Iranian embassy in Damascus. Acting on instructions from Teheran, it orders operations and pays for them. Its meetings are regularly attended by Hussein Moussavi and his cousin, Sheikh Fadallah, who heads the "Hussein Suicide Commandos"; and (Mohammad Kho'ansari), Khomeini's permanent link-man with Qaddafi, who moves frequently between Tripoli, Damascus and Teheran. Syrian intelligence officers attend when needed. Among them is the new head of Syrian military intelligence, Colonel Ghazi Kanaan, the former military chief in Lebanon.

Most of the Middle East operations are in the hands of Lebanese militants under Moussavi in Baalbek. There are four groups: the Revolutionary Amal Militia; the "Hussein Suicide Commandos"; the Defenders of the Islamic Revolution; and a group calling itself Islamic Jihad. This name has confused some investigators who have assumed that the whole terrorist operation is in the hands of this group and Moussavi (who leads only local Lebanese extremists).

The Middle East command also runs the Islamic Jihad of Egypt—an Egyptian-Libyan group responsible for assassinating Anwar Sadat three years ago. Led by (Amar el-Masri) an Egyptian, it campaigns against the Mubarak government.

More operations are expected. Secret consultations were held in early September by Iran's President (Ali Khamenei) with Syrian and Libyan leaders in Damascus and Tripoli. Khamenei was accompanied by a number of Iranian experts in terrorism. These meetings have already led to greater co-operation between Khomeini, Libya's Colonel Muammar Qaddafi and Syria's President Hafez Assad.

There may be some terrorist operations in the United States and western Europe. We have also heard reports that Qaddafi has tried to set up an independent terrorist group in Beirut's Palestinian refugee camps, but that Assad is opposed. Another terrorist base is to be set up in Libya. Iranian revolutionary guards are to train recruits, who have begun to arrive from Sierra Leone, Nigeria and India. A second terrorist base is being established at Bandar Abbas, in Iran, where 40 Moussavi followers are training for raids against coastal targets.

Late last week, state officials in California were tipped off that Iranian supporters of Khomeini might try to launch an attack on military installations. There are more than 10,000 Iranian students at American universities.

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